

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

**FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009
AND
THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES,
POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE AREAS AND LOCAL PLAN DISTRICTS)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010**

HUNTLY FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2014/2015

PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 60 and Schedule 2 of the above Act and Parts II, III & IV of the Regulations, the Council proposes the above flood protection scheme. This constitutes a notice under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 of the Act and under Paragraph 8 of the Regulations.

A Public Hearing to consider the Huntly Flood Protection Scheme is to take place at the **Gordon Arms, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB54 8AF** on the **24th of February 2015 at 10 am.**

Consideration of the scheme proposal has been undertaken along with a period of objection submission from 17/1/14 to 14/2/14. It was been a Scottish Government decision for Aberdeenshire Council to hold a Public Hearing to deliberate on raised valid objections. Objectors who have submitted valid objections have been invited to this Hearing.

The effects of the proposed operations will be to generally reduce the risk of flooding to residential, agricultural, community and business properties along the River Deveron, the Ittingston Burn and the Meadow Burn by

- Raising set back defences near the right bank of the River Deveron from Arnhall Cottages to Milton Farm, parallel to the A920 and unclassified 114s public roads.
- Increasing the size of the culvert on the Ittingston Burn below the A920 and constructing raised defences adjacent to the road and the right bank of the burn.
- Raising and strengthening the existing defences on the River Deveron between the Bridge of Gibston and the Hill of Haugh.
- Constructing raised defences to the south and east of the caravan park
- Replacing one undersized culvert on the Meadow Burn with a timber footbridge.
- Creating local storage to the west of the Meadows estate by constricting the flow in the Meadow Burn to a figure that can be accommodated by the downstream channel and culvert systems.

The scheme is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment however specific environmental assessments have been undertaken. Scheme documents can be inspected from 01/2/15 to 24/2/15 inclusive at:

- Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB16 5GB between 8.45am and 5.00pm, Mon to Fri.

- Aberdeenshire Council, 23-25 Gordon St., Huntly, AB54 8AL. The office opening hours are between 8.45 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Fri.
- Rander Library, The Square, Huntly. AB54 8BR. The office opening hours are between 10:30 am to 14.00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and between 14:30 – 19:30 Monday and Thursday.
- www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

After considering the outcome of the Public Hearing where valid objections have been considered, the Scottish Ministers must make the final decision to: (a) confirm the proposed scheme without modification, or (b) confirm the proposed scheme with modifications, or (c) reject the proposed scheme. Where the Scottish Ministers decide not to consider the scheme; the Council must hold a hearing to consider the proposed scheme. Following the outcome of the hearing, the Council must make the final decision to (a) confirm the proposed scheme without modification, or (b) confirm the proposed scheme with modifications, or (c) reject the proposed scheme. Notification of the final decision, whether made by the Council or the Scottish Ministers will be given.